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4 SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
5 JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL,
6 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
7 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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11 DEPOSITION OF: JEWELL POWDRELL (NO-SHOW)

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15 Wednesday, February 23, 2022

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17 Washington, D.C.

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20 The deposition in the above matter was held in Room 1540A, Longworth House
21 Office Building, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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2 Appearances:

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5 For the SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE

6 THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL:

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8 [REDACTED], INVESTIGATIVE COUNSEL

9 [REDACTED] CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10 [REDACTED] OF COUNSEL TO THE VICE CHAIR

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2 [REDACTED] All right. We are on the record. Today is February 23rd, 2022.

3 The time is 10 o'clock a.m. eastern. We are convened in the Longworth House Office
4 Building for the deposition of Mr. Jewll Powdrell to be conducted by the House Select
5 Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

6 My name is [REDACTED] I am the designated select committee investigative
7 counsel for this proceeding. I am accompanied today by [REDACTED], who serves as
8 senior investigative counsel and of counsel to the vice chair; as well as [REDACTED],
9 who is professional staff for the select committee.

10 For the record, it is 10:01 a.m., and Mr. Powdrell is not present. The person
11 transcribing this proceeding is the House Stenographer and notary public authorized to
12 administer oaths.

13 On January 28th, 2022, Chairman Benny Thompson issued a subpoena to Mr.
14 Powdrell, both to produce documents by February 11th, 2022, and to testify at a
15 deposition on February 23rd, 2022, at 10 o'clock a.m. This subpoena pertains to the
16 select committee's investigation into the facts, circumstances, and causes of the
17 January 6th attack, and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power in order to
18 identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant
19 committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations.

20 On February 11th, 2022, Mr. Powdrell contacted [REDACTED], senior
21 investigative counsel for the select committee, and left a voicemail message. In the
22 message, Mr. Powdrell indicated that he did not possess any documents relating to either
23 the electoral college vote on December 14th, 2020, or the attack on the United States
24 Capitol on January 6th, 2021. Mr. Powdrell further indicated that he would not appear
25 before the select committee on the requested date.

1 [REDACTED] spoke with Mr. Powdrell by phone on February 15th, 2022. During
2 the call, Mr. Powdrell reiterated his earlier claims and stated that he had no information
3 to provide to the select committee. When asked, Mr. Powdrell confirmed that he acted
4 as an alternate elector in the State of New Mexico for the 2020 Presidential election and
5 that he signed and submitted certificates purporting to cast electoral college votes for
6 Donald J. Trump for President and Michael Pence for Vice President.

7 During the call, Mr. Powdrell indicated that he cannot travel due to family
8 caregiving responsibilities, nor does he have an attorney. [REDACTED] explained to him
9 that the select committee is willing to speak with him remotely via video teleconference
10 and at a time of his choosing. Mr. Powdrell indicated that he had given us his answers
11 and did not intend to appear today.

12 Yesterday, on February 22nd, 2022, [REDACTED] called Mr. Powdrell, and Mr.
13 Powdrell did not answer. [REDACTED] then sent Mr. Powdrell a text message that read,
14 quote: Mr. Powdrell, I'm reaching out again from the select committee to investigate
15 the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol. The deposition tomorrow will occur at
16 10 a.m. eastern. As I mentioned on the phone, we are happy to proceed via video
17 conference, if you so choose. Please contact me with any updates you may have.


18 As of right now, at 10:04 a.m., Mr. Powdrell has not responded to either of [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] attempts to contact him.

20 During the call that took place on February 15th, 2022, [REDACTED] also explained
21 to Mr. Powdrell that he has a legal requirement to comply with the select committee's
22 subpoena, and, further, that failing to do so could subject him to legal consequences.
23 [REDACTED] urged him to reconsider his choice not to participate. Mr. Powdrell
24 indicated that he understood and reiterated that he does not intend to comply with his
25 subpoena.

1 I will mark as exhibit 1 and enter into the record the select committee subpoena
2 to Mr. Powdrell, which was accompanied by a letter from the chairman, document
3 schedule with accompanying production instructions, and a copy of the deposition rules.

4 [Powdrell Exhibit No. 1

5 Was marked for identification.]

6  With that, I will note for the record that it is 10:05 a.m., and Mr.
7 Powdrell still has not appeared or communicated to the select committee that he will
8 appear today as required by the subpoena. Accordingly, the record is now closed as of
9 10:06 a.m.

10 [Whereupon, at 10:06 a.m., the deposition was concluded.]

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